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**Sent:** Wednesday, November 28, 2018 11:00 AM  
**To:** Morse, Bob  
**Cc:** Pocze, Doug; Melissa.Sweet@dec.ny.gov  
**Subject:** RE: Seneca PFAS Preliminary Assessment (PA)?

Bob,  
I will proceed with both the PA and the ESI as planned.

The Air Force document helps a lot.

I expect I can receive funding this year.

When comments are received and responses approved for the workplan for the ESI, we will schedule the field work.

PS I expect another article in the paper, as I have to return a call to the reporter.

My primary office phone number is now: 347-213-1565

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-----Original Message-----

From: Morse, Bob [mailto:Morse.Bob@epa.gov]  
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2018 2:39 PM  
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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Seneca PFAS Preliminary Assessment (PA)?

Hi Randy.

Per our discussion today I am sending this email to formally request on behalf of EPA that the Army conduct a PA for PFAS that addresses the entire former Seneca Army Depot NPL site.

The reason EPA is requesting the installation-wide PA is that the Army needs to formally document whether or not there are other potential AFFF sources at the former Depot. This is in line with what other military branches (e.g. the Air Force) has done at their sites. In fact, while it may appear somewhat out of sequence (doing a PA after an SI), it still makes sense for the reason stated above. Also, the current SI and ESI address only the fire training areas, and the potential exists that there may be other AFFF / PFAS sources at the former Depot. As we discussed, at Plattsburgh, the Air Force did not wait for the results of the PA, but planned and conducted an SI at the Plattsburgh Fire Training Area at more or less the same time as the PA. This was because there was well known AFFF use at the Plattsburgh Fire Training Area.

Also, as we discussed regarding your email below, EPA requests that the Army continue with the planned ESI work. This is especially important for the boundary wells proposed in the ESI Work Plan.

To help with your efforts on the PA, I have attached a PDF of the final basewide PA for Plattsburgh AFB (which is a public document) to this email. The Plattsburgh PA should assist you in scoping out what needs to be done to accomplish an

installation-wide PA for PFAS. I spoke to your counterpart at Plattsburgh and he said he could not remember the cost of the PA. He said it was probably bundled in with other PFAS work and would be very difficult to research and break down, so I'm sorry he and I can't be of more help on that front. He mentioned that there is contract cost estimating software out there, but it may be something just the Air Force uses.

I wish you luck with the PA and upcoming ESI work. Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can be of any further help. Thank you.

Bob

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Subject: RE: Seneca PFAS Preliminary Assessment (PA)?

Bob,  
No, we did not do a PFAS PA report.

Let me know if you want a PFAS PA report, and I'll request funds.

If we proceed with a PFAS PA report, it may be prudent to hold all sampling until the report done.

My thinking was that given the fire training areas are already in a no- groundwater-use LUC parcel, and the ESI has wells planned at the boundaries. The ESI was planned to show there's no pathway to private wells.

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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Seneca PFAS Preliminary Assessment (PA)?

Hi Randy. Hope you had a good Thanksgiving.

Although we discussed it earlier this week, it's not clear to me that a formal Preliminary Assessment (PA) was ever done for the former Seneca Army Depot for PFAS.

My supervisor and I did a document search and couldn't locate a PA Report that addressed the entire former depot property for PFAS.

Before I ask you to do a SEAD-wide PA for PFAS, I want to make sure the Army hasn't already done one.

Therefore I'm asking you now if such a PA and PA Report has already been done for PFAS for the entire former depot.

Please let me know ASAP. I apologize for the confusion at my end. As you know I've only been the EPA RPM for a few months so ....

Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks a lot!

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